THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The next meeting of the Steering Committee of the participating countries of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (India) TAP(I) Gas Pipeline Project would consider, *inter alia*, endorsement of the new Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement between all the participating countries which will formalize India's participation in the project.

Such multilateral projects invovle protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

†595. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any budget for development of different tourist areas in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of budget, such places and targets fixed thereof;

(c) whether a proposal regarding developing new tourist places in Rajasthan has been submitted by the State Government of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the districts for which proposals of development of different tourists places in Rajasthan have been received by the Central Government and out of them, the tourist places for which development scheme has been formulated by the Central Government and the target fixed thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No State-wise budget for development of tourism is fixed by Ministry of Tourism. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects, which are identified in consultation and interaction with them.

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

(c) and (d) No proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for development and promotion of tourism complete in all respects is pending with the Ministry of tourism.

Shortage of Five Star Hotels in Delhi

596. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of Five Star Hotels in Delhi in view of the comming Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of rooms required for Commonwealth Games; and

(d) what are the steps Government is taking in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.